

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fifteenth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Fifteenth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (203) of these admissions reside in the Fifteenth Norfolk Representative District.¹ **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fifteenth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 70% were male and 30% were female.
- 60% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 72% were white non-Latino, 12% were black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 56% were never married, 20% were married, and 25% reported not to be married now.
- 16% had less than high school education, 44% completed high school, and 40% had more than high school education.
- 31% were employed.
- 9% were homeless.
- 35% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fifteenth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	60%	30%	5%	2%	1%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

¹ To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Fifteenth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	271	218	88	93	46	83	60
FY '96	278	211	75	88	39	95	69
FY '97	241	196	79	66	29	60	50
FY '98	227	184	63	71	35	53	44
FY '99	224	178	58	57	29	63	48
FY '00	188	148	31	34	25	48	31
FY '01	172	132	42	38	23	53	30
FY '02	203	158	46	37	18	64	39